

Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet. It is an overview of the business considered by the Cabinet at its Extraordinary meeting held on 25 January 2021 and its ordinary meeting on 27 January 2021.

25 January 2021

1. Moratorium on development in Staines-upon-Thames

- 1.1 Cabinet was asked to make a decision on whether any proposed development of Staines Town Centre by Spelthorne Borough Council should be kept on hold until the Staines Development Framework had been adopted and whether Developers of Major applications proposed in the Staines Town Centre should be requested to defer their applications until the Staines Development Framework is adopted.
- 1.2 Cabinet noted that the Council had no power to direct Developers to defer their applications and that the Council had already written to some and had received negative responses.
- 1.3 Cabinet agreed that it was important that the Council listen to the views of all residents to ensure the right balance was struck between delivering affordable housing and meeting the needs of the wider community.
- 1.4 Cabinet decided that a Moratorium on Council schemes in Staines-Up-on-Thames should take place until such time as three things take place, with the intention that these will be completed prior to the Annual Council meeting in May 2021;
 - i. That the Strategic Planning team undertake an Issues and Options consultation exercise for the Staines Development Framework.
 - ii. That a sub-committee, which was agreed at Extraordinary Council on 21 January 2021, is included in the recommendations of the Committee System Working Group to be reported to Extraordinary Council, currently scheduled for 25 March 2021.
 - iii. That the viability of all the developments are reviewed by the assets team.

27 January 2021

1. Recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Lendy Memorial Lion Petition

- 1.1 Cabinet considered the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and agreed that the Lendy Memorial Lion should be uncovered and that the Council should work with local informed sources to provide a plaque containing historical information at the site, with more detailed information available, for example through a QR code.

2. Determination of the 2021/22 Council Tax base for tax setting

2.1 We considered and agreed the Council Tax Base for 2021/22.

3. Reserves Policy

3.1 Cabinet agreed to approve the reserves policy and noted the restatement of useable reserves as at 1 January 2021.

4. Outline Budget 2021-22 to 2024-25

4.1 We considered and agreed the recommendations in the report on the Outline Budget for the period 2021-22 to 2024-25.

5. Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2020/21

5.1 Cabinet noted the treasury position achieved during the first six months of 2020/21 and the financial environment in global markets.

6. Exempt Report - Proposal for an in-house Planned and Reactive Repairs and Maintenance Service

6.1 We considered and agreed the recommendations contained in an exempt report on the proposal for an in-house Planned and Reactive Repairs and Maintenance Service.